

OLD FORT TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSION

GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG, .
Asheville, N. C.

OLD FORT, N. C., July 28, 1914.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of July 23d received. Bids on the building of this link of the Central Highway were received July 25th. Mr. Vosshell, from the Office of Good Roads at Washington, was present and agreed to the extension of the grading of the road from Old Henry to the top of the mountain. This proposition meets the approval of the Highway Commissioners, also the approval of the citizens who were objecting to the original plans. So far as we know, this is satisfactory to all parties. Dr. Pratt was here on the 24th, and we went over the matter with him and he said that if the people of the township were satisfied he would make no further protest. Under this plan we can open the road from Greenlee to Ridgecrest.

We received some very satisfactory bids on the work, and it was agreed that the contract be signed this week. We have worked very hard on this matter, and believe that the people will be satisfied, and we hope it will meet your approval.

Yours very truly,
 P. H. MASHBURN,
Chairman.

MR. P. H. MASHBURN,
Old Fort, N. C.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 12, 1914.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of July 28th has just been called to my attention. I am gratified to know that you have made arrangements to complete the road up to Ridgecrest.

I saw Dr. Pratt yesterday, and he told me that you intended to call a meeting of the citizens of Old Fort to ascertain their wishes as to where the work should begin. This is my recollection of his conversation. As you know, I have always regarded the road from Old Fort to Ridgecrest as the most important part of the road. It will benefit your community more, and it will benefit the State by the completion of this important link in the Central Highway. You say in your letter that you have made arrangements to open the road from Greenlee to Ridgecrest. I understand that you have not money enough to grade this entire road. Will you please let me know where you expect to begin work at first?

I was sure that you would all come to a satisfactory conclusion, because I know that we all have the same purpose in the road.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LOCKE CRAIG,
Governor.

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GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG,
Raleigh, N. C.

OLD FORT, N. C., August 17, 1914.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of August 12th, and in reply to same I beg to say that the Government engineer has estimated that we will have money enough to grade the road from Greenlee to Ridgecrest. The contractor